

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 95-844-E - ORDER NO. 95-1576 ✓
SEPTEMBER 28, 1995

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| IN RE: Application of Duke Power Company |) | ORDER |
| for Approval of an Integrated Resource |) | GRANTING |
| Plan (IRP). |) | MOTION |
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the September 19, 1995 Motion of Duke Power Company (Duke or the Company) to revise the 1995 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) procedure. Duke states that under the circumstances of the present case, the procedure originally established by the Commission for consideration of Duke's IRP is inappropriate, and should be modified. Duke states that on May 15, 1995, the Commission set a testimony deadline for Duke of September 27, 1995, with Intervenor testimony to be filed on October 11, 1995. This was subsequent to the April 28, 1995 filing of Duke's IRP. Duke states that no parties have identified any specific issues regarding this IRP, and that there are only two parties of record who have intervened in the case. These are the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina (the Consumer Advocate) and Charles B. Mierek. Neither party has indicated any specific issues to Duke that need examination. Duke does not believe that Mierek has any specific issues in this case.

Duke states that because of the few Intervenors in this Docket, and because Duke has agreed to work with the Consumer Advocate's office in an attempt to resolve the issues, if any, which it may have, it does not appear that the current procedural schedule is the most efficient way to proceed. Duke has offered to meet with the Consumer Advocate's office, and discuss any issues concerning Duke's IRP. Duke believes that the issues can be resolved in this manner, thus, a formal hearing will not be required under the Commission's established procedure.

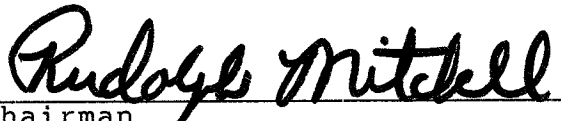
Accordingly, Duke suggests that the procedural schedule in this Docket be revised as follows. First, Duke requests that the hearing date of October 25, 1995 be cancelled, and that the testimony filing dates of September 27, 1995, and October 11, 1995 for Duke and the Intervenors, respectively, be extended indefinitely. Duke states that under its proposed revised procedure, within fourteen (14) days of the Commission's Order revising the procedure for Duke's IRP, Duke will attempt to conduct a meeting with the Consumer Advocate and the Commission Staff to address issues, if any, that these two groups had with Duke's IRP. Within twenty (20) days of that meeting, the Consumer Advocate and the Commission Staff will provide specific issues, if any, that have not been resolved through the meeting or subsequent discussions. Under Duke's proposal, if the Consumer Advocate or the Commission Staff lists any unresolved issues with Duke's IRP, Duke will file testimony within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Consumer Advocate's and Commission Staff's Issues List.

Testimony, if any, from the Consumer Advocate and the Commission Staff will be filed within fourteen (14) days of the filing of Duke's testimony. At that time after all testimony has been filed, the Commission may then decide if a hearing is necessary, or request additional comments from the parties.

The Commission has examined this matter, and believes that Duke's Motion is meritorious. Under the present proceeding, no specific issues have been identified. Therefore, a hearing and pre-filed testimony in this case is premature. We believe that Duke's Motion to revise the procedural schedule in this case should be granted as stated above.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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